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LETTER DATED 31 JANUARY 2000 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

As you are aware, the Security Council held an open meeting on 10 January 2000 (4087th meeting) to discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS on peace and security in Africa. The Vice-President of the United States chaired the meeting, and the Secretary-General, the President of the World Bank, the Director of UNAIDS and the Administrator of UNDP addressed the Council. The themes of the meeting included the impact of HIV/AIDS on peacekeeping and on the development and stability of nations, especially in Africa. I attach a copy of the verbatim record for your information.*

Following the meeting, the Council received a letter dated 21 January 2000 from the Director of UNAIDS outlining the follow-up actions UNAIDS plans to take to combat and control the spread of HIV/AIDS, as well as UNAIDS plans to coordinate with the Security Council.

Members of the Security Council requested that I inform you of the 10 January open meeting of the Council, and of the Council's desire to explore the possibility of further cooperative action with the Economic and Social Council. I have requested that the members of the Security Council who will take over the presidency in the coming months stay in contact with you on this important issue.

(Signed) Richard C. HOLBROOKE
President of the Security Council

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* See S/PV.4087 and S/PV.4087 (Resumption 1).

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